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SUBJECT INVITATION TO PRESIDENT FOR NEPALESE CORONATION:
CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

REF: STATE 140111

1. NEPALESE CHARGE RIMAL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON SEPTEMBER 9 TO DELIVER FORMAL INVITATION TO
PRESIDENT TO ATTEND NEPALESE CORONATION FEBRUARY 24.
RIMAL SAID KING BIRENDRA WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE PRESIDENT
FORD TO ATTEND HIMSELF BUT THE NEPALESE REALIZED THIS WAS
"NOT AN EASY MATTER"; THE NEPALESE DID HOPE FOR HIGH LEVEL
ATTENDANCE. RIMAL NOTED THE HIGH IMPORTANCE NEPAL ATTACHES
TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.

2. ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD REEMPHASIZE WHAT MR. SISCO HAD
TOLD AMBASSADOR KHANAL IN JUNE ON THIS SUBJECT (REFTTEL).
IT IS OUR INTENTION TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION AND
WE WILL CONSIDER IT A HIGH HONOR TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT
SUCH A MOMENTOUS OCCASION. ATHERTON ALSO NOTED THAT WE
LOOK FORWARD TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE U.S. BY THE
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FOREIGN MINISTER AND STATE MINISTER FOR FINANCE OF NEPAL.

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